

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
ON March 20, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 20, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman  
Patrick Elpers, Commissioner  
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, County Clerk  
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Henning gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Ed Laverentz.

Online Visitors: NONE

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:32 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Ed Laverentz were in to discuss the RHID (Rural Housing Improvement District) with the Commissioners.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor discussed that there needed to be some finalization of figures before a Resolution can be made and he let them know that he contacted the Department of Commerce with no response yet.

Commissioners would like to move forward with the RHID and they discussed the years being 12 instead of 10 because of the way the taxes run with a total amount of \$175,000.00 being total collected.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

9:10 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the hire sheet for the Noxious Weed position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the hiring of a part-time employee for the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented a vacation extension for approval for an employee.

Commissioners approved the vacation extension for an employee for 90 days.

Mr. Goetz discussed that he went to talk to a landowner that needed to clean up their property.  
Mr. Goetz was in with a resolution for approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R4, **A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38.** Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Joseph Robinson for a house in Section 32, Township 29, Range 05W.
2. Scott Strong for a green house in Section 34, Township 27, Range 05W.
3. Richard Sanders for a shed in Section 29, Township 29, Range 06W.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:22 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:27 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

9:31 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with some quotes for panels from the following:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of panels from Rogers 3 & B in the amount of \$8586.00 with Commissioner Elpers talking to Ms. Rogers about the \$300.00 shipping. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman discussed the funds that were received for the old panels and the purchase can be made with those funds.

Ms. Frampton discussed having a little britches rodeo series.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that a boxing tournament will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know about repairs to the North door and the West door.

Ms. Frampton went over other arena pricings with the Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed that he purchased light bulbs and an 8ft fan for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton said the light bulbs work well.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

10:14 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the Communication email from Sarah Carroll with Invenergy on Flat Ridge 4 & 5.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on current bridge projects.

Chairman Henning discussed that he drove one of the new bridges and the ride on it was disappointing.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the coring results report on the SW 70 Ave with the County Commissioners and discussed the bad areas.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the St. Leo Rd surfacing project and that the information is due to the state on the KDOT Cost-Share Program.

The County Commissioners would like to offer a 30% match to the state application for the KDOT Cost-Share Program.

Commissioners signed a letter to the Cost Share Program Committee.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed appointment of an individual to the Regional Solid Waste Management Membership Committee-Rural Member.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the addition of the wording in Original unopened containers not on premises for Spike's Place. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed the following abatements and additions:

ABATEMENTS		ESCAPE	
2023000026	-69.28	2023000028	775.12
2023000027	-71.70	2023000029	10,104.46
2023000030	887.90	2023000032	350.88
2023000031	521.16	2023000033	8,057.38
2023000034	217.88		

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:06 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:15a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of a Richland Township Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to appoint Shannon Allen to the Richland Township Treasurer position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.